

G-I-A-167  
Wilbur Durst Farm  
Avilton  
Private

late 19th c. with ca. 1920  
additions

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Coleman Farm, Wilbur Durst Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Wilbur Durst Farm**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Green Lantern Rd., 1.3 mi. S of US Rt. 40

CITY, TOWN

Avilton☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ira M. Stark

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 285

Folio #: 212

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Wilbur Durst Farm consists of five late nineteenth century frame buildings including a dwelling, a wash house, a springhouse, a machine shed, and a bank barn. The house is a two story, gable-roofed, three bay by one bay structure on a stone foundation. Some time after 1920, a two story wing with a porch and a pantry was added to the rear.

The facade (W elevation) has a symmetrical three bay, center door arrangement with a central cross gable and a one bay entrance porch. The windows on this elevation, as well as all other elevations, are 4/4 sash with narrow, plain board surrounds and sills. A round-arched window with a wide, flat board surround pierces the gable. The porch rests on a brick pier foundation with four chamfered posts supporting its shallowly pitched hipped-roof.

Two windows light the center of the north endwall, one per floor, and two louvered vents pierce its gable. The south endwall has a similar arrangement, but its windows are placed off-center to allow an interior brick chimney to rise through the middle of the wall.

The gable-roofed rear wing is attached to the northern end of the rear elevation, and measures two bays long by one bay wide. A shed-roofed porch with chamfered post supports, shelters the south and east elevations of the wing. The enclosure at the east end of the porch is a pantry that is original to the wing. The enclosure on the south side of the porch, with 3/1 sash windows, is a later addition, however.

The exterior walls of the house are sheathed with weatherboard on all elevations, a seam existing between the main block and the rear wing. Hexagonal wood shingles fill the facade gable, and German siding covers the added enclosure on the rear porch.

The house is equipped with three interior brick chimnies: one at the south end-wall, one at the east endwall of the rear wing, and another on the north side of the ridgeline on the rear wing close to where it joins the main block.

The interior of the main block is divided into two rooms per floor, as is the rear wing. Four bedrooms occupy the second floor, while the parlor, dining room, living room, and kitchen are located on the first floor.<sup>1</sup>

The washhouse, located about ten feet to the rear of the house, is a one story, gable-roofed, frame building on a stone foundation. Its facade (W elevation) has a batten door with a 6/6 sash window on either side and a six-pane window in the gable. Weatherboard siding sheathes the exterior, and its box cornice makes partial returns at both gables.

The springhouse stands approximately twenty yards south of the house by the side of the road. It is a weatherboard, one story, gable-roofed frame structure on top of a high stone foundation.

The barn sits northwest of the house, on the opposits (W) side of the road. It is a gable-roofed, frame structure on a foundation. Louvered vents pierce both endwalls.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES late 19th c. w/ca. 1920 additions BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on the Wilbur Durst Farm illustrates the most common method of expanding the basic three bay by one bay house form that is found throughout Garrett County. Although many houses of this type are built initially with a rear wing, this house attained its ell-plan by subsequent addition.

Known as the Coleman Farm, this 250 acre place was sold to Wilbur and Nellie Durst in 1920 for \$8,000. When the Dursts bought the farm it was surrounded by a split rail fence, and in addition to the present standing structures it also had three chicken coops, a garage, a wood house, a milkhouse, a smokehouse, and an outside toilet. In 1945 the house was electrified and an electric water pump and hot water heater were installed. Previous to that, water had to be hauled in from the springhouse. The Dursts raised ten dairy cows, and also had chickens and hogs. They grew corn, hay, wheat, oats, buckwheat, potatoes, and cabbage, which they sometimes peddled in Frostburg on Saturdays. Nellie and Wilbur farmed the place until 1967, when they moved into an apartment in Frostburg and sold the property to one of their daughters and her husband, Jennie and Ira Stark.<sup>2</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup>Dottie M. Turner. Farming in the First Half of the Twentieth Century.  
(Unpublished paper, May 7, 1976, Allegany Community College Library,  
Cumberland, Maryland), p. 2-3.

<sup>2</sup>Dottie M. Turner, p. 2-13.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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January 1982

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Facade - N & W elevations





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Rear - S & E elevations